

July 25, 2013

The Marion County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting, on Thursday, July 25, 2013 at 7:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers City Hall, Marion, South Carolina. Members present were Elista H. Smith, Chairperson; Buddy Collins, Vice Chairman; John Q. Atkinson, Jr., Allen W. Floyd, Simon Jenkins, Thomas E. Shaw and Milton W. Troy, II. Also present were G. Timothy Harper, Administrator; Kent M. Williams, Deputy Administrator; Charles L. McLain, III, County Attorney; Sabrina Davis, Clerk to Council. A representative from the Star & Enterprise was present and duly notified.

Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order and asked Councilman Simon Jenkins to lead the Invocation, after which she welcomed visitors and read the Freedom of Information Announcement.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Collins, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously, to approve as written, the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 9, 2013.

There were no reports given by Committee #1 or Committee #2.

Vice Chairman Collins stated that Committee #2 has a matter that is pending.

Mr. Mike Griffin and Mr. Tim Lee with Griffin Brothers appeared before Council to give a brief update on the C&D Landfill. Mr. Griffin introduced Mr. Tim Lee, who is the founder of Lee Disposal Services. He stated that Mr. Lee has agreed to manage the landfill. Mr. Griffin told Council that mid 2001, Mr. John Taylor requested a Letter of Consistency form Marion County for a construction and demolition landfill located on Hwy 908 in Britton's Neck. Mr. Taylor designated Griffin Brothers as the facility coordinator. He stated that early 2002, Griffin Brothers proceed with costly engineering process and spent \$144,944.37. In 2004, Griffin Brothers and Marion

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County agreed to a public/private partnership to manage Marion County Landfill located on Old Stagecoach Road. He stated that the Old Stage Coach Landfill site would have been closed by spring of 2008 due to new regulatory changes. Mr. Griffin apologized to Council for their poor job of communicating. Mr. Griffin also stated that the citizens of Mullins and the citizens in the unincorporated parts of the County will continue to have free rights of disposal, along with the public works department of Mullins and Marion County. Mr. Griffin asked Council to allow Griffin Brothers to continue to work with the staff to come up with a new improved partnership. Discussion followed by members of Council regarding the landfill. Mr. Griffin told Council that Mr. Lee plans to provide a small 10 yard container at the front entrance of the landfill to help better serve the citizens. A copy of this report will be provided to Council for review. Chairperson Smith thanked Mr. Mike Griffin and Mr. Tim Lee for their presentation.

The County Attorney brought up a deed from 1975. Mr. McLain stated that he was contacted by an individual with the Budget and Control Board. He stated that the State was in the process of conveying five acres in Mullins to the City of Mullins, where the National Guard Armory is located. Mr. Williams stated that the State conveyed the property to the City of Mullins to be used for a fire substation. After a brief discussion by members of Council, Mr. McLain stated that he would research this said matter further to make sure he has the correct property.

The Administrator introduced Dr. Julie Norman, who is the new Marion County Economic Developer.

The Administrator updated Council on the New County Administration Building. Mr. Harper told Council that the second set of plans has been received. He also stated that a pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, August 1st regarding the repairs to the roof. He stated that bids will be opened on Thursday, August 15th.

The Administrator updated Council on the Capital Sales Tax. Mr. Harper told Council that bid openings on the courthouse and the archives building will be held on Thursday, August 1st at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Harper also provided Council a list of contractors who attended the pre-bid conference.

The Administrator reported to Council that Family Court ran smooth at the Administration Building. Mr. Harper also stated that the County is working on getting Judge Seals set up in the Beeson Building.

The Administrator reminded Council about the meeting with Congressman Tom Rice on Friday, July 26, at 10:00 a.m. at Anderson Brothers Bank in Mullins.

The Administrator provided Council with materials from the NACo Conference.

The Administrator told Council that the County has received a grant award from Rural Development for a Rural Business Enterprise Grant in the amount of \$40,000.00 for a Technical Assistance Grant to assist small and emerging businesses in Marion County. Ms. Ogleretta D. White explained the Rural Business Enterprise Grant Resolution. Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Vice Chairman Collins, to approve the Rural Business Enterprise Grant Resolution.

Mr. Troy stated that he has received several calls about the West Mullins Drainage Project. Ms. Ogleretta D. White told Mr. Troy that there are a few issues with the request from SCDOT. Mr. Harper stated that the SCDOT will not issue the permit to begin the work. Mr. Troy asked Mr. Harper if the County can withhold paying Alliance Consultants until this said project gets on track. Mr. Harper replied yes sir. Motion was made by Mr. Troy, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously.

Chairperson Smith stated that she received a call regarding the animal shelter. She stated that she provided the information that was discussed in the meeting to the individual. Chairperson Smith told the individual that the County was waiting to hear from Paws to the Rescue, but advised the individual to send a letter to the Administrator stating what was requested from Paws to the Rescue.

Mr. Shaw stated that his constituents on Cox Road do not want anymore rocks on their road.

Mr. Jenkins acknowledged two college students who attended the meeting, and also volunteering in the community.

Mr. Troy thanked the clerk and Mr. Williams for taking care of the railroad crossing on Curry Road.

Chairperson Smith told Council that the Diversity Team will begin in September.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Collins, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously, to go into executive session for a legal and a contractual matter.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Collins, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously, to close executive session and reopen the regular scheduled meeting. Chairperson Smith stated that no action was taken during executive session called for a legal and a contractual matter.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Floyd, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:56 P.M.

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